

New claims 33-52 fully comply with 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph. In this regard, Applicants note that each of the added claims correspond to those suggested by the Examiner or the Examiner's supervisor, Examiner Nelson, in the context of other cases directed to corn varieties and including a similar specification and description. The Office has therefore acknowledged that these claims satisfy the first paragraph of §112. It is therefore respectfully submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

D. Rejection of Claims Under 35 U.S.C. §102(b)/103(a)

The Action has rejected claims 14-16 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b)/103(a) as allegedly anticipated or, in the alternative, obvious over Kevern (U.S. Patent 5,850,009). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection but note that, in the interest of compact prosecution of the instant case, the claims were been canceled herein. Removal of the rejection is thus respectfully requested.

E. Double Patenting Rejection

The Action rejects claim 10 as being a duplicate of claim 5. In response it is noted that claim 10 has been canceled. Removal of the rejection is thus respectfully requested.

F. Conclusion

This is submitted to be a complete response to the referenced Office Action. In conclusion, Applicant submits that, in light of the foregoing remarks, the present case is in condition for allowance and such favorable action is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (512) 536-3085 with any questions, comments or suggestions relating to the referenced patent application.

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